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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SPACE AGENCY MEETINGS

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1. FOLLOWING FYI PER TELCON:

JAPANESE SPACE AGENCY REPS AMISHIMA, YAMANO,
MATSUURA AND YAMAGUCHI MET WITH NASA - DR. FLETCHER,
OMC - MR. SIPES AND SCI - DR. GRANGER APRIL 8&9. THE
GROUP ALSO TALKED WITH NSC, DOD, EA/J REPS, AND PRESENTED
THEIR AGENDA.

2. JAPANESE GROUP DISCUSSED THEIR TALKS WITH THE FRENCH
ON SPACE COOPERATION, PRESENTED THEIR NEW SPACE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM, OUTLINED IN DETAIL THEIR PLANS AND REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE N-1 AND N-2 ROCKET IMPROVEMENTS, AND THEIR
PROPOSED PARTICIPATION IN POST-APOLLO. THEY WERE ASSURED
THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY BE IN A POSITION TO LAUNCH THEIR
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METEOROLOGICAL, DOMESTIC BROADCAST, AND DOMESTIC

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES, AND THAT WE FORESAW NO OBVIOUS DIFFICULTY WITH REGARD TO EXPORT LICENSES FOR ASSISTANCE ON THEIR EXPERIMENTAL BROADCAST AND COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES. WE INDICATED THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE N-1

IMPROVEMENTS, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO STUDY THE SITUATION UPON RECEIPT OF A FULL DESCRIPTION AND REQUEST. WITH REGARD TO N-2, IT WAS ALSO INDICATED THAT THE US IS BETTER ABLE TO WORK ON ITS POSITION AFTER RECEIPT OF SUCH A DESCRIPTION AND REQUEST, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE JAPANESE WERE IN A VERY PRELIMINARY AND EXPLORATORY PHASE WITH REGARD TO N-2.

3. LESS FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH THE DELEGATION RELATIVE TO THE US SHORTAGE OF, AND PROBLEM WITH, UDMH ROCKET FUEL, AND WE REQUESTED THAT THEY SUPPLY US WITH A SCHEDULE OF THEIR ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS IF THEY ANTICIPATE A POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR A US EXPORT LICENSE. KISSINGER

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